Yellow Fever examination of foreign tourists

†49. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that examination and registration of foreign tourists particularly coming from South Africa/America is compulsory for yellow fever in the hospital situated near Indira Gandhi International Airport; on their arrival to India;

(b) the number of tourists arrived in India from these countries during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(c) the number of tourists examined and registered in this hospital; and

(d) the number of tourists who were 'yellow fever cardholders'?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) No, Sir. However, all the incoming international passengers both Indian and foreigners coming from countries in Africa and America where yellow fever is endemic, are required to possess a valid yellow fever vaccination card which is checked by the immigration department at the Airport. Those passengers not possessing such cards are referred to the Health Authorities for further necessary action.

(b)

Name of the country	Year 1999	Year 2000	Year 2001 (Upto March)
South Africa	19292	22003	6927
Americas	298285	347207	110045

(c) and (d): Only those international passengers who do not possess

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a valid yellow-fever vaccination certificate and if coming from a yellow fever endemic country, within six days of their departure from that country are quarantined at the yellow-fever hospital and registered. The number of such passengers referred by immigration department is only one during 1999-2000 and none during 2000-2001.

Recommendation of Scientific Advisory Community on Herbal Production

50. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven medicinal plants out of 45 recommended by the Scientific Advisory Community on Herbal Production have been approved for special attention;

(b) if so, whether any mechanism has been evolved which will formulate plant-based action plan in cultivation, post-harvest technology, R&D activities, manufacturing and marketing facilities etc. so that alternate system of medicine could ensure effective treatment and its acceptability by general public; and

(c) what is the quantum of budgetary allocation for this alternate system of medicine and its comparative ratio with allopathic system?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Medicinal Plants Board has been set up to coordinate activities related to various aspects of development of medicinal plants including *ex-situ/in-situ* cultivation, development of protocols for cultivation including post-harvest technology, scientific/ technological research and the aspects related to marketing of these plants.

(c) Budget allocation for Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy, Department of Health and Department of Family Welfare is as under: